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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

| Mr. CÁRDENAS introduced the following bill; which was referred t |) the |
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| Committee on | |

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for any fine paid by an owner of professional sports franchise.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Stop Penalizing Tax-
- 5 payers for Sports Owner Fouls Act of 2014".

1 SEC. 2. DENIAL OF DEDUCTION FOR FINES PAID BY OWNER

- 2 OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FRANCHISE.
- 3 (a) In General.—Section 162 of the Internal Rev-
- 4 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection
- 5 (q) as subsection (r) and by inserting after subsection (p)
- 6 the following new subsection:
- 7 "(q) Fines and Penalties Paid by Owners of
- 8 Professional Sports Franchises.—In the case of an
- 9 individual who owns (directly or indirectly) a professional
- 10 sports franchise, no deduction shall be allowed under sub-
- 11 section (a) for any fine or similar penalty paid to the pro-
- 12 fessional sports league or association of which the fran-
- 13 chise is a member.".
- 14 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 15 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after
- 16 December 31, 2013.